

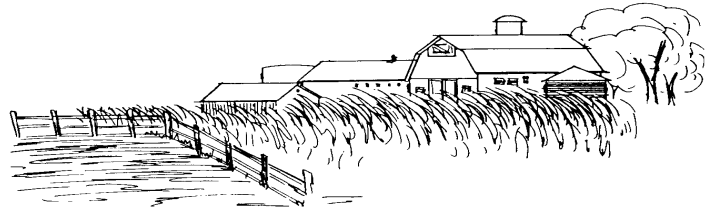


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Utah Wheat Acreage Up

UTAH: Planted acreage for other spring wheat, corn, winter wheat, all wheat and dry beans were up from last year. Oats and barley planted acreage were down. Harvested acreage for all hay and alfalfa were down, but all other hay was up.

Corn planted, at 60,000 acres, is up 9 percent from 2004. Corn acres to be harvested for grain, at 18,000 acres, is up 50 percent from last year. **Oats** planted, at 55,000 acres, is 8 percent lower than the previous year. Oats harvested for grain is forecast at 8,000 acres, the same as 2004. **Barley** planted, at 40,000 acres, is 20 percent below 2004. Barley harvested for grain is forecast at 30,000 acres, down 25 percent from the previous year. **All wheat** planted acreage is estimated at 152,000, a increase of 9,000 acres from 2004. All wheat harvested for grain is up 7 percent from last year, with 141,000 forecasted acres. **Other spring** wheat planted, at 17,000 acres, is 4,000 acres more than in 2004. Other spring wheat harvested for grain is expected to be 16,000 acres, up 4,000 acres. **Winter wheat** planted acreage in Utah for 2005, at 135,000, is up 4 percent from a year ago. Acreage to be harvested for grain is forecast at 125,000 acres, a increase of 5,000 acres from last year. **Dry beans** planted in Utah for 2005, at 6,000 acres, is up 700 acres from 2004. Dry bean acreage to be harvested is 5,900, up 1,100 acres from 2004. **Alfalfa hay** acreage, at 550,000, is down 10,000 acres from last year. **All other hay**, at 160,000 acres, is up 5,000 acres from 2004. **All hay**, at 710,000 acres, decreased 5,000 acres from 2004.

UNITED STATES: **Corn** planted area for all purposes is estimated at 81.6 million acres, up 1 percent from 2004 and 4 percent above 2003. Farmers increased corn plantings 179,000 acres from their March intentions. **All wheat** planted area is estimated at 58.1 million acres, down 3 percent from 2004. Harvested area is expected to total 50.4 million acres, up 1 percent from last year. **Oats** acres seeded for the 2005 crop year totaled 4.34 million acres, up 6 percent from last year's planted area. Growers expect to harvest 1.98 million acres for grain, up 10 percent from the 2004 harvested acreage of 1.79 million. **Barley** growers seeded 3.97 million acres for 2005, down 12 percent from the 4.53 million acres seeded a year ago, and the lowest since barley planted acreage estimates began in 1926. Acres for harvest, at 3.47 million, are down 14 percent from the 2004 level, and the lowest since 1890. The 2005 **Winter Wheat** planted area, at 41.4 million acres, is 4 percent below last year and down less than 1 percent from the previous estimate. Area harvested for grain is estimated at 34.3 million acres, down 2 percent from the June 1 forecast and 1 percent below the 2004 total. The **Durum Wheat** planted area for 2005 is estimated at 2.57 million acres, up fractionally from last year. Area to be harvested for grain is expected to total 2.45 million acres, 4 percent above last year's level. **Other Spring Wheat** acreage planted to other spring wheat for 2005 is estimated at 14.1 million, up 2 percent from 2004. Grain area is expected to total 13.6 million acres, up 4 percent from last year. **Hay** producers expect to harvest 61.7 million acres of all hay in 2005, down fractionally from 2004. Harvested area of alfalfa and alfalfa mixtures is forecast at 22.1 million acres, up 2 percent from last year. All other hay harvested area is expected to total 39.6 million acres, down 2 percent from a year ago. **Dry Bean** growers planted 1.67 million acres for 2005, up 24 percent from last year and 19 percent above two years ago. The June planted acres estimate is 1 percent above growers' plans in March. Acres to be harvested are forecast at 1.57 million, up 29 percent from last year and 16 percent above 2003. High prices for the 2004 crop and low inventories contributed to the increase in planted and harvested acres. Thirteen of the 17 dry bean States have increased planted acreage from a year ago, 3 are unchanged, while Texas growers planted less than 2004.

